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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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In the Matter of) MM Docket No.
)
Amendment of Section 73.202(b),) RM-_____
Table of Allotments,)
FM Broadcast Stations,)
Coalinga, California)

To: Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

James K. Zahn ("Mr. Zahn"), by and through counsel, and pursuant to § 1.420(d) of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 1.420(d)), hereby submits his "Petition For Rulemaking" seeking the allotment of new FM Channel 247A to Coalinga, California. In support whereof, the following is shown:

1. Coalinga, California, has a population of 8,212 according to the 1990 census. It was incorporated in 1906. Standard broadcast station KKFO(AM), 1470 kHz is licensed to Coalinga. KNGS(FM) occupies FM Channel 261B at Coalinga. Also assigned to Coalinga is FM translator K208CO.¹ The public interest would be served by a grant of this proposal, for it would bring a third potential service to Coalinga.

2. Attached hereto, as Exhibit 1, is an Engineering Statement in which it is demonstrated that Channel 247A can be allotted to Coalinga, California, in accordance with the

¹There are construction permits authorized for low power television stations K42DT and K48DY at Coalinga.

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Commission's spacing constraints and city grade coverage requirements at a reference point of:

N. Latitude 36° 08' 30" and W. Longitude 120 ° 21' 18".

3. Should Channel 247A be allotted to Coalinga, California, Mr. Zahn will file an application for a construction permit for a new FM station on Channel 247A and, upon grant of the application, will construct the station.

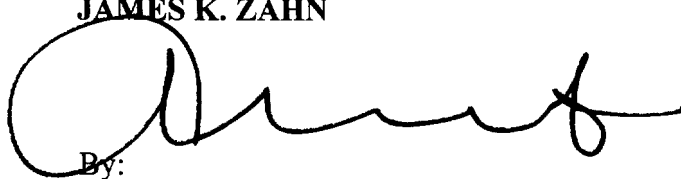
4. Accordingly, it proposed that the Commission's FM Table of Allotments be amended as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Channel No.</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Coalinga, California	261B	247A, 261B

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that a rulemaking proceeding be initiated to allot Channel 247A to Coalinga, California.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES K. ZAHN



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EXHIBIT 1

JAMES K. ZAHN
BF (New) - Coalinga, CA

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING
Engineering Statement

At the request of James K. Zahn, we have prepared this engineering statement in support of a Petition for Rule Making which seeks FM Channel 247A as a new allocation to Coalinga, California.

The center coordinates of the city of Coalinga are specified in the index to the National Atlas of the United States as 36°08'30"N and 120°21'18"W. As shown in the attached constraints study, this location complies in all respects with the spacing requirements of Section 73.207(a) of the Commission's Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Freedman", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mel Freedman
Engineer for James K. Zahn

31 July 1997

Mr. Mel Freedman
Modesto, CA

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Constraints Study FM Channel 247A

Title: James K. Zahn
Reference City: Coalinga, CA
Translators Are Not Included
Audit File: fms07317.A01

Latitude: 36-08-30
Longitude: 120-21-18
FCC Database: 970630

Call City of	Auth License	Licensee Name St FCC File No.	Chan Freq	ERP-kW EAH-m	Latitude Longitude	Az-to -from	Dist (km)	Req (km)
KEZL Fowler	LIC	Bilmar Communications CA BLH-920210KA	244B1 96.7	25.0* 100	36-41-39 119-43-57	42.0 222.4	82.92 34.92	48 CLEAR
Fowler Docket: 87-391	USED	CA	244B1 96.7		36-41-39 119-43-57	42.0 222.4	82.92 34.92	48 CLEAR
Monterey	USED	CA	245B 96.9		36-32-05 121-37-14	291.5 110.7	121.70 52.70	69 CLEAR
KWAV Monterey	LIC	Buckley Broadcasting CA BLH-841127KT	245B 96.9	18.0 747	36-32-05 121-37-14	291.5 110.7	121.70 52.70	69 CLEAR
San Luis Obispo Docket: 84-231	USED	CA	246B1 97.1		35-16-36 120-39-54	196.3 16.1	99.99 3.99	96 CLOSE
KWQH San Luis Obispo	LIC	Clamshell Communicati CA BLH-960516KS	246B1 97.1	2.70 301	35-15-10 120-45-47	200.6 20.3	105.31 9.31	96 CLEAR
Visalia	USED	CA	246B 97.1		36-38-08 118-56-32	66.1 246.9	138.10 25.10	113 CLEAR
KSEQ Visalia	LIC	Buckley Broadcasting CA BLH-870320KD	246B 97.1	17.0 237	36-38-08 118-56-32	66.1 246.9	138.10 25.10	113 CLEAR
Merced	USED	CA	248B 97.5		37-22-31 120-27-37	356.1 176.1	137.22 24.22	113 CLEAR
KABXFM Merced	LIC	Radio One, Inc. CA BLH-7878	248B 97.5	50. 149	37-22-31 120-27-37	356.1 176.1	137.22 24.22	113 CLEAR
Fresno	USED	CA	250B 97.9		36-44-09 119-47-59	36.8 217.1	82.62 13.62	69 CLEAR

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KNAX Fresno	CP	American Radio System CA BPH-941114IB	250B 97.9	10.5 328	36-55-48 119-38-27	35.8 216.3	108.36 39.36	69 CLEAR
KNAX Fresno	LIC	Breadbasket Broadcast CA BLH-911217KA	250B 97.9	2.10 606	37-04-29 119-25-52	38.2 218.8	132.49 63.49	69 CLEAR
KSEA Greenfield Docket: 88-142	CP	Troposphere Broadcast CA BPH-850712TI	300B 107.9	50. 150	36-19-50 121-10-16	286.3 105.8	76.30 61.30	15 CLEAR

End of Constraints Study FM Channel 247A